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Case No. 9793/95

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Oliver Elsenhans, et al.

Serial No: 10/018,080

December 10, 2001

For: Method And Apparatus For

Examining Fluids Of Biological

Origin

Examiner: Sang H. Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 2877

## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

**Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Filed:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated July 17, 2003 for a period of 2 months.

X Applicant:

12/30/2003 DEMMANUI 00000136 10018080 small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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Extension <u>Months</u>	Other Than Small Entity	Small Entity
One Month Two Months Three Months Four Months Five Months	\$110.00 \$420.00 \$950.00 \$1,480.00 \$2,010.00	\$55.00 \$210.00 \$475.00 \$740.00 \$1,005.00

## **Fee Payment**

$\bowtie$	Attached is a check for \$420.00 for the Petition fee.	
	Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$ for the Petition fee.	
	Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.	
$\boxtimes$	Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.	

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

December 17, 2003

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